

### **Amendments to the Specification:**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b) kindly amend the specification as follows.

Amendments to the specification are made by presenting replacement paragraphs or sections marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version. The changes in any amended paragraph or section are being shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

Please replace the paragraphs from page 5, line 26 through page 6, line 20 with the following paragraphs, starting on page 5, line 26:

When the front tire is raised from a bump or ground contour change, the tire will move vertically (from fig 4, #15 to #14) while the chassis position remains unchanged. The trailing edge or rear of the cutter deck (fig. 4, #18) will be lower than the front edge (fig 4 #16.) The leading edge will cut the grass at greater vertical position than ~~then~~ the height of the trailing edge of the cutter deck. When the trailing edge of the cutter deck passes the same blade of grass the difference in height between the two edges of the cutter deck will be cut off the grass blade. The grass ~~b~~Blade is cut more than ~~then~~ once when this occurs.

Double cutting the grass blade can be alleviated by using linkages arranged similar to that on an automobile with a solid axles. Linkages arranged in parallel (fig. 5, #11, #12) will require the leading edge and trailing edge to maintain the same vertical location. When the front wheel hits a bump both edges of the cutter deck (fig. 6, #18, #17) will be raised the same amount (fig. 6, #19, #16.) The same will occur when the rear wheel of the cutter deck hits a bump (fig 6. #20 to 2.). The linkages can be located along the top of the cutter deck (fig. 5, #11, and #12) or connected to the front or rear (fig. 7, #11, #12.) in the same manner~~manner~~.

The parallel linkages will require the ~~to~~ leading and trailing edges of the cutter deck to maintain the same distance from the ground surface. The leading edge will mimic the vertical movement of the trailing edge and the trailing edge will mimic the movement of leading edge.

When the rear wheel of the cutter deck (fig. 6, # 20) hits a pump and is lifted (fig. 6, # 21) the leading edge (fig. 6, #17-16) will be lifted the same amount. The front wheel will be lifted from the ground the same amount (fig. 6, # 15-14.) When the wheel is lifted traction is lost. Steering of some machines will be lost when the front wheel is lifted from the ground. This can be corrected.